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U. S. Federal Communications Commission  
Attn: Mr. George Dillon, Chief Aviation-Marine Branch  
2025 M St. NW, Room 5114  
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: VHF CHANNEL 77; GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY PILOTS FREQUENCY

Dear Mr. Dillon,

I am writing you to lend my official support to an initiative of the Galveston-Texas City Pilots to expand the field of authorized users for VHF Channel 77.

This frequency is designated for the exclusive use of the Galveston-Texas City Pilots to facilitate the safe and timely movement of ocean-going vessels arriving or departing the ports of Galveston and Texas City. While the current designation adequately serves these ends, it would do so even more fully if the field of authorized users were expanded to include certain shoreside groups that are also intimately involved with the arrival or departure of vessels from these ports and that interact closely with the pilots. These groups include: linehandlers, port authorities, and shoreside facility operators having marine berths. Linehandlers assist pilots in mooring and